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GENEVA PASS TO REFUGEE OFFICE

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: SREF, CG
SUBJECT: UPDATE ON REFUGEE SITUATION

REF: (A) KINSHASA 15631 (B) KINSHASA 17480

1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT

2. UNHCR REGIONAL DELEGATE FOR ZAIRE, ABDOU ESSAIED, CALLED ON THE AMBASSADOR DECEMBER 20, PROVIDING US THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN AN UPDATE ON THE REFUGEE SITUATION IN ZAIRE AND SEVERAL NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.

3. ANGOLAN REFUGEES IN SHABA. ESSAIED, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM SHABA, SAID UNHCR NOW ESTIMATES THAT THE NUMBER OF ANGOLAN REFUGEES IN THE REGION HAS INCREASED TO 36,000 - 40,000, WITH 150 TO 200 NEW REFUGEES ARRIVING EACH WEEK. THE REFUGEE FOOD SITUATION IS SERIOUS, BUT IMPROVING. THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM HAS AGREED TO ASSIST, WITH FOOD SHIPMENTS TO BEGIN ARRIVING IN MARCH OF 1985. IN RESPONSE TO THE GROWING NUMBER OF REFUGEES IN SHABA, THE UNHCR HAS DECIDED TO UPGRADE ITS REPRESENTATION IN THE REGION, AND TO INCREASE ITS BUDGET FOR SHABA FROM USD 800,000 IN 1984 TO USD 3 MILLION IN 1985. ESSAIED IS CONCERNED ABOUT A STATEMENT MADE LAST WEEK TO THE LOCAL UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE BY SHABA VICE-GOVERNOR MBALANGA TO THE EFFECT THAT ZAIRE HAS DECIDED NOT TO ACCEPT ANY MORE REFUGEES FROM ANGOLA. ESSAIED IS CHECKING WITH GOZ OFFICIALS IN KINSHASA TO DETERMINE WHETHER THIS STATEMENT REFLECTS NATIONAL POLICY, OR REGIONAL THINKING. ESSAIED HOPES TO TRAVEL TO SHABA SOON TO CLARIFY THIS MATTER.

4. HAUT-ZAIRE. ESSAIED TERMED THE SITUATION "ENCOURAGING". OF THE 50,000 UGANDAN REFUGEES WHO FLED TO ZAIRE, 16,000

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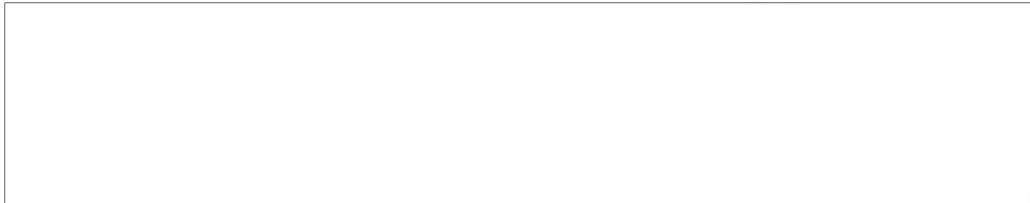
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SUBJECT: SAHELIAN REFUGEE FLOW INCREASES

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1. SUMMARY: THE FLOW OF SAHELIAN REFUGEES INTO SOUTHERN ALGERIA HAS INCREASED AND ALGERIAN AUTHORITIES NOW PLACE THE NUMBER AT 18-20,000. GOA AGENCIES HAVE PROVIDED EMERGENCY CARE BUT THE RED CRESCENT RECENTLY INQUIRED ABOUT POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE REFUGEES. END SUMMARY.

2. THE FLOW OF REFUGEES INTO ALGERIA FROM THE DROUGHT-AFFECTED COUNTRIES TO THE SOUTH SEEMS TO BE INCREASING. A FEATURE ARTICLE IN THE ALGIERS DAILY ''EL MOUDJAHID'' RECENTLY DESCRIBED THE SITUATION AT IN GUEZZAM, A VILLAGE NEAR THE NIGER-ALGERIAN BORDER. ACCORDING TO THIS ACCOUNT, 3,650 REFUGEES, MAINLY FROM MALI AND NIGER, ARE NOW INSTALLED THERE AND A COMMITTEE OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAS BEEN ORGANIZED TO OVERSEE RELIEF OPERATIONS. AS OF ID-NOVEMBER 150 TENTS AND FOOD HAD BEEN SUPPLIED. ONE MEMBER OF THE LOCAL COMMITTEE IS TRYING TO ASSIST THE REFUGEES TO GROW SOME OF THEIR OWN FOOD, AS WATER IS AVAILABLE.

3. TWO DOCTORS AND FIVE ASSISTANTS ARE AT IN GUEZZAM AND SEE 70-100 PATIENTS DAILY. MANY OF THE CHILDREN ARE SUFFERING FROM SUCH DISEASES AS TRACHOMA, CONJUNCTIVITIS AND GASTRO-ENTERITIS; MEDICINES ARE REPORTEDLY IN SHORT SUPPLY.

4. IN RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH THE AMBASSADOR AND ECONOMIC OFFICER, THE ACTING UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE AND WORLD FOOD PROGRAM (WFP) CHIEF REPORTED THAT THE HEAD OF THE ALGERIAN RED CRESCENT HAS ASKED HOW TO GO ABOUT OFFICIALLY REQUESTING U.N. ASSISTANCE. ACCORDING TO THE RED CRESCENT OFFICIAL, THE NUMBER OF SAHELIAN REFUGEES AT SEVERAL CENTERS IN SOUTHERN ALGERIA HAS CLIMBED TO 18-20,000. (THE MEDIA HAS ALSO REPORTED THE EXISTENCE OF REFUGEE CAMPS AT TIN ZAQUATINE AND TIMIAQUINE NEAR THE MALI BORDER.) EVIDENTLY, THE COST OF CARING FOR THE REFUGEE INFLUX OVER 2,000 KILOMETERS FROM NORTHERN

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LIMITED OFFICIAL USE KHARTOUM 16329

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AIRLIFT TO EASTERN SUDAN

REF: STATE 376933

1. INTRODUCTION: THIS CABLE SUPPLEMENTS KHARTOUM 16246 WHICH RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN STATE 376933. INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS CABLE WAS OBTAINED BY DCM SHINN DURING A VISIT TO THE KASSALA AREA DECEMBER 23-25 WHILE ACCOMPANYING CODEL KENNEDY. IT REPRESENTS A DISTILLATION OF INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM MANY SOURCES, INCLUDING SUDANESE COMMISSION OF REFUGEE OFFICIALS, SUDANESE EASTERN REGION OFFICIALS, UNHCR PERSONNEL, AND VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS STAFF. THE INFORMATION IS BASED ON VISITS TO THE TEKL EL BAAB AD HOC RECEPTION SITE AND THE WAD SHARIFFE RESETTLEMENT CENTER. SOME OF THE PERSONS MET BY DCM CAME TO KASSALA FROM THE GEDAREF AREA; HENCE, THERE IS SOME INFORMATION ON SETTLEMENT SITES NEAR GEDAREF.

2. CAVEAT: TWO INTENSIVE DAYS OF TRAVELING IN THE KASSALA AREA MAKE ONE POINT COMPLETELY CLEAR. VIRTUALLY ANY STATISTIC IS UNRELIABLE. FOR ANY GIVEN QUESTION WHICH REQUIRES A NUMERICAL RESPONSE, A DIFFERENT "EXPERT"

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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: SREF, CD, CT
SUBJECT: REFUGEES IN NORTHERN CAR - UPDATE DEC. 21, 1984

REF: A) BANGUI 4239 AND PREVIOUS, B) GENEVA 9745

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2. SUMMARY: EMBOFFS VISITED TOWNS OF MOYENNE SIDO AND KABO DEC. 21 FOR FIRST HAND ASSESSMENT OF REFUGEE SITUATION. WE FOUND THAT OBTAINING EVEN ROUGH ESTIMATES OF REFUGEES VERY DIFFICULT AND SUBJECT TO WIDE ERROR BUT CONCLUDED THAT CONCENTRATION IN MOYENNE SIDO AREA LESS THAN THE 20,000 PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. NEVERTHELESS, HEALTH AND LIVING CONDITIONS ARE PRECARIOUS AS FOOD AND WATER ARE IN INCREASINGLY SHORT SUPPLY AND REFUGEE WORKERS AT THE SCENE FEAR SERIOUS HEALTH PROBLEMS COULD ERUPT SHORTLY. ACCORDING TO "MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERS," MEASLES AND CHOLERA ARE SERIOUS EPIDEMIC THREATS DUE TO WEAKENED PHYSICAL CONDITION OF REFUGEES. SECURITY SITUATION REMAINS CALM BUT TENSE AS SOME REFUGEES ARE RETURNING TEMPORARILY TO CHAD AT NIGHT TO HARVEST CROPS. WE REMAIN STRONGLY OF VIEW THAT REFUGEES SHOULD BE MOVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AWAY FROM BORDER AREAS. DESPITE OUR VIEW THAT CURRENT REFUGEE ESTIMATES OF 40,000 OVERSTATE THE TRUE NUMBER OF REFUGEES, WE RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT SUPPORT UNHCR'S EMERGENCY REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE WHICH WILL FACILITATE EVACUATION LOGISTICS AND PERHAPS AVOID FURTHER PROBLEMS. END SUMMARY.

3. PROFITING FROM IN-COUNTRY PRESENCE OF KINSHASA-BASED ZAMISH OFFICERS HERE ON SECURITY ASSISTANCE VISIT, DCM AND POLOFF WERE ABLE TO CONDUCT A ONE DAY VISIT DEC. 21 TO THE REFUGEE AREAS OF KABO AND MOYENNE SIDO IN ZAMISH C-12 AIRCRAFT. FLYING TO BATANGAFO, WE PROCEEDED OVERLAND ON THE BATANGAFO-KABO-MOYENNE SIDO ROAD UP TO THE CAR-CHADIAN BORDER. WE WERE ACCOMPANIED BY LOCAL UNHCR

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 ----- AIRLIFT TO EASTERN SUDAN

REFS: A) STATE 376933, B) REDDICK/HARRIS/BECK DEC 26
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1. PER REF A PARA 3, FOLLOWING ARE UNHCR'S RESPONSES.
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 BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR DEC 27.

2. -- WHAT HAS BEEN THE RESPONSE FROM OTHER DONORS TO
 UNHCR'S APPEALS FOR EASTERN SUDAN?

-- UNHCR REPORTS THE FOLLOWING RESPONSES TO ITS TOTAL
 APPEAL FOR US DOLS 24.8 MILLION IN CASH FOR THE VARIOUS
 EMERGENCY SITUATIONS IN EASTERN AND WESTERN SUDAN,
 SOMALIA, THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC AND ETHIOPIA. IT
 HAS NOT YET BEEN POSSIBLE FOR UNHCR TO MAKE EXACT ALLOCA-
 TIONS AMONG THE RECIPIENT COUNTRIES. FOR THE TIME BEING
 AND UNTIL THE APPEALS ARE MORE FULLY SUBSCRIBED, MOST OF

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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
 TAGS: SREF, SO
 SUBJ: SOMALI REFUGEES: AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH
 - NRC COMMISSIONER TARRAH

1. ENTIRE TEXT CONFIDENTIAL.

2. SUMMARY: ALTHOUGH PRIMARILY A COURTESY VISIT, AMBASSADOR BRIDGES EXPRESSED THE NEED TO OBTAIN A MORE REALISTIC POPULATION FIGURE FOR THE CAMPS IN HIS FIRST MEETING WITH NATIONAL REFUGEE COMMISSIONER TARRAH. THE COMMISSIONER CONCURRED AND INFORMED THE AMBASSADOR THAT A SURVEY METHODOLOGY WAS BEING DEVELOPED IN COOPERATION WITH UNHCR. WITH REGARD TO BIHIN TRANSIT CAMP, MR. TARRAH STATED THE ONLY SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED THERE WAS TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND SANITATION FACILITIES IN THE CAMP AND THAT NO RESIDENTS COULD BE RELOCATED TO OTHER CAMPS. IN TARRAH'S VIEW ETHIOPIA IS DELIBERATELY PUSHING PEOPLE OVER THE BORDER IN ORDER TO PLACE THE BURDEN OF CARING FOR THEM ON SOMALIA. THE GSDR, HE CONCLUDED, IS UNABLE TO ACCOMMODATE ANY FURTHER INFLUX OF REFUGEES AND HE WOULD RECOMMEND A CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT POLICY WITH AN UNSPECIFIED MEANS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION. END SUMMARY.

3. ON DECEMBER 19, AMBASSADOR BRIDGES PAID A COURTESY VISIT TO MR. TARRAH, EXTRAORDINARY COMMISSIONER OF THE NATIONAL REFUGEE COMMISSION. ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WERE MR. DUBED OF THE NRC, DCM AND REFCOORD ASSISTANT. THE AMBASSADOR GREETED MR. TARRAH BY DESCRIBING HIS CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH AMBASSADOR OAKLEY AND OTHER STATE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL WITH WHOM MR. TARRAH HAS WORKED IN THE PAST, AND HIS PERSONAL INTEREST IN BECOMING FAMILIAR WITH THE SOMALI REFUGEE PROGRAM.

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 TAGS: ET, SREF, VT
 SUBJECT: PAPAL NUNCIO'S VIEWS ON RESETTLEMENT: CATHOLIC CHURCH
 ASSISTANCE

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2. PAPAL NUNCIO ARCHBISHOP WHITE HAS TOLD US IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE THAT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH HAS DECIDED TO PROVIDE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR DROUGHT/FAMINE VICTIMS WHO ARE BEING MOVED FROM NORTHERN ETHIOPIA FOR RESETTLEMENT. AFTER AN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED WITH THE PMGSE, THREE MOBILE MEDICAL TEAMS COMPOSED OF FOREIGN RELIGIOUS WORKERS WILL BE SENT TO WELLEGA REGION. THE NUMBER COULD BE INCREASED BY AT LEAST ONE ADDITIONAL MOBILE TEAM IF MOTHER THERESA, WHO IS VISITING RESETTLEMENT SITES JANUARY 4, AGREES TO ASSIST. THE SITES ARE AROUND NEKEMTE, WELLEGA AND HAVE CURRENTLY ABOUT 25,000 RESETTLEES. A RECENT SURVEY, CONDUCTED, AT THE INSTIGATION OF ARCHBISHOP WHITE, FOUND THESE BEING RESETTLED IN THE NEKEMTE AREA IN EXTREMELY POOR PHYSICAL CONDITION AS A RESULT OF THE EFFECTS OF THE DROUGHT/FAMINE. THE LONG DISTANCES TRAVELED AND THE DIFFERENCE IN PHYSICAL CONDITIONS IN WHICH THEY ARE GOING TO LIVE.

3. IN DESCRIBING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S INVOLVEMENT IN RESETTLEMENT, ARCHBISHOP WHITE SAID THAT SINCE THE PEOPLE ARE SUFFERING THE CHURCH HAS AN OBLIGATION TO HELP EVEN THOUGH HE IS AWARE OF THE POLITICAL AND MORAL ISSUES INVOLVED. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT MANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE NOW BEING SENT TO THE SOUTH ARE BEING FORCIBLY MOVED AND CONFIRMED REPORTS THAT PEOPLE IN MAKELLE ARE NOT RPT NOT VOLUNTEERING BUT ARE BEING CHOSEN. WHITE DID NOTE THAT HIS TEAM HAD FOUND A SMALL MINORITY WHO HAD SPONTANEOUSLY MOVED INTO THE NEKEMTE AREA. WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT IS MOVING PEOPLE WITHOUT THEIR CONSENT, IS MOVING ONLY THE ABLE-BODIED WITHOUT MAKING CREDIBLE EFFORTS TO ASSIST THE HELPLESS LEFT BEHIND. MOVING

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 SUBJECT: SUDAN: DROUGHT INDUCED FAMINE: VISIT OF
KENNEDY CODEL.

1. SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY AND HIS DELEGATION VISITED SUDAN 23-27 DECEMBER TO VIEW ETHIOPIAN REFUGEE CAMPS IN THE EASTERN REGION AND SUDANESE DROUGHT VICTIMS IN THE WESTERN REGION OF KORDOFAN. ERIC WITT, USAID AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER JOINED KENNEDY PARTY FOR THE WESTERN LEG OF THE TRIP AND REPORTS THE FOLLOWING ON THE BASIS OF HIS PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS.

2. THE DELEGATION ARRIVED IN EL OBEID AT 1530 HRS ON 25 DECEMBER. IT WAS WELCOMED BY THE KORDOFAN GOVERNOR AND THE KEY PEOPLE INVOLVED WITH THE EMERGENCY FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM. THE DELEGATION PROCEEDED IMMEDIATELY TO THE MAASKAR EL GHABA CAMP, A CAMP FOR NORTHERN KORDOFAN DROUGHT VICTIMS LOCATED ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF EL OBEID. THE CAMP DIRECTOR PROVIDED AN INTRODUCTORY BRIEFING DESCRIBING THE CAMP'S PROGRAM: PROVISION OF FOODSTUFFS (SORGHUM FLOUR, OIL, AND ONIONS) TO CAMP RESIDENTS; THE TWICE DAILY CHILDREN'S SUPPLEMENTARY FEEDING; THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR A THIRD DAILY MEAL TO SEVERELY MALNOURISHED; THE MEDICAL SERVICES; AND THE PROVISION OF WATER. THE CAMP HAS 22,700 PEOPLE (FYI. ON NOVEMBER 22, THE CAMP HAD 13,000 PEOPLE. END FYI.). THERE HAVE BEEN 19 DEATHS IN THE CAMP DUE TO ALL CAUSES SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN MID-OCTOBER (AN ANNUAL RATE OF ABOUT 6.7 PER THOUSAND). THE DELEGATION REVIEWED THE CAMP FACILITIES, OBSERVED THE PREPARATION/ DISTRIBUTION OF THE EVENING SUPPLEMENTAL MEAL (MILK AND SUGAR) FOR THE CHILDREN, AND VISITED WITH FAMILIES LIVING IN THE CAMP.

3. IN THE EVENING, REGIONAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF KHARTOUM'S INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES PRESENTED A SLIDE SHOW ABOUT DESERTIFICATION IN KORDOFAN AND HOW IT COULD BE CONTROLLED. FOLLOWING THIS PRESENTATION THE DELEGATION MET WITH THE CARE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (PHIL JOHNSON) AND USAID REPRESENTATIVE (WITT) TO DISCUSS VILLAGE LEVEL DISTRIBUTION OF THE TITLE II SORGHUM. THE DISCUSSION

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 SUBJECT: SOMALI REFUGEE PROGRAMS: FUEL SHORTAGE

1. (CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT).

1. SUMMARY: THE FUEL SHORTAGE NOW BEING EXPERIENCED IN ALL SOMALIA HAS AFFECTED THE REFUGEE PROGRAM. ONLY TEN TO FIFTEEN DAYS FUEL SUPPLY REMAINS. RATIONING IS IN FORCE, AND FUEL PROVIDED BY UNHCR FOR U.S. FUNDED PVOS MAY BE CUT OFF ALTOGETHER. PROMPT DELIVERY OF DIESEL AND PETROL, SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN JANUARY, WILL AVERT A MAJOR CRISIS FOR MOST, BUT THE FATE OF THE PVOS HANGS ON THE DECISION OF UNHCR. MISSION REQUESTS GENEVA LOOK INTO PVO FUEL SITUATION AND ARGUE THE CASE FOR UNHCR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF PVOS OUTSIDE OF THEIR PROGRAM. END SUMMARY.

2. ON DECEMBER 26, THE ACTING ELU/CARE TEAM LEADER CLEARLY INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT THERE WAS ONLY A TEN TO FIFTEEN DAY SUPPLY OF FUEL IN SOMALIA TO SUPPORT THE MOVEMENT OF FOOD AND WATER TO THE CAMPS. ALL FUEL ALLOCATIONS FOR OTHER GSDF AND PVO OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN CURTAILED UNTIL A NEW SUPPLY IS DELIVERED IN MID-JANUARY. THERE SEEMS TO BE TWO REASONS FOR THE PRESENT SHORTAGE, EITHER ELU/CARE WAS LATE IN REQUESTING THEIR ALLOTMENT, OR UNHCR WAITED TOO LONG TO PLACE THE ORDER. WE DON'T HAVE ALL THE FACTS, SO WE WILL NOT TRY TO GUESS WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED.

3. OUR ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION IS THAT THERE WILL BE NO MAJOR CRISIS IF THE NEW FUEL ALLOCATION ARRIVES BY MID-JANUARY. ONLY MUCH INCONVENIENCE FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE PROVIDED FUEL DURING THE RATIONING PERIOD. TO EASE THE PRESSURE, THE EMBASSY AGREED TO TRADE DIESEL ON A ONE TIME BASIS FOR PETROL.

4. THERE REMAINS ONE FUEL PROBLEM FOR WHICH NO SOLUTION HAS BEEN FOUND. EARLY THIS YEAR WHEN THE UNHCR BRANCH

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STATE/RP FOR WOOFLEY: AF/E FOR CHRIS MURRAY

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E.O. 12356: DECL: DADR
TAGS: SREF, SO
SUBJ: SOMALI REFUGEES: UPDATE ON BIHIN TEMPORARY
CAMP AND COMMENTS ON SPECIAL APPEAL

REFS: A) 84 MOGADISHU 10629
B) 84 GENEVA 08997

1. (CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT).

2. SUMMARY: HEALTH PROBLEMS IN BIHIN TEMPORARY CAMP, AS REPORTED BY REFUGEE HEALTH UNIT AND USAID OBSERVERS, HAVE WORSENED IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS. SINCE THE CAMP WAS ESTABLISHED IN SEPTEMBER, OVER 200 CHILDREN HAVE DIED FROM PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE LACK OF SANITATION. PROVISION OF SERVICES IN HEALTH, WATER, AND COMMODITY LOGISTICS ARE STRAINING BUDGETS OF THE AGENCIES WHO HAVE PROVIDED SUPPORT FROM THEIR ON-GOING PROGRAMS IN THE NORTHWEST. WE ARE CONCERNED BY THE LACK OF ACTION ON THE PART OF NRC AND UNHCR TO SEEK REALISTIC SOLUTIONS TO THE SITUATION. WE REQUEST GENEVA DISCUSS POSSIBLE RESOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEM WITH UNHCR HEADQUARTERS. END SUMMARY.

3. RECENT VISITS TO BIHIN, TEMPORARY CAMP BY REFUGEE HEALTH UNIT (RMU) OFFICIALS AND USAID REPRESENTATIVES HAVE REVEALED THAT HEALTH AND SANITATION PROBLEMS REPORTED EARLIER HAVE NOT EASED (REFTEL A). RMU RECORDED 159 DEATHS OF CHILDREN IN NOVEMBER (AS COMPARED TO 20 FOR OCTOBER AND ONLY 10 IN SEPTEMBER) PRIMARILY CAUSED BY DIARRHEA AND PNEUMONIA. ACCORDING TO THE RMU DIRECTOR WHO SPENT FIVE DAYS AT THE CAMP, THE HIGH INCIDENCE OF DIARRHEA WAS DUE TO THE COMPLETE LACK OF SANITATION, FLIES AND, TO A MORE LIMITED EXTENT, CONTAMINATED WATER. SANITARY FACILITIES SUCH AS LATRINES AND REFUSE PITS REMAINED NON-EXISTENT. A SANITARIAN FROM UNICEF HAS CONDUCTED LIMITED TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS

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E.O. 12356:DECL:OADR
TAGS: SREF, SU, EAID
SUBJ: DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO AFRICA - INTERAGENCY
ASSESSMENT TEAM REPORT

REF: (A) JCS 230207Z DEC 84 (B) JCS 262006Z DEC 84

1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.
2. THIS IS AN INITIAL REPORT FROM USCENTCOM PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE INTERAGENCY ASSESSMENT TEAM. REF A AND B APPLY AND ARE THE BASIS FOR THIS AND SUBSEQUENT REPORTS.
3. TEAM ARRIVED KHARTOUM AT 22:15, 3 JAN 85. NO DIFFICULTY WAS EXPERIENCED ENROUTE AND ON ARRIVAL DAO AND A/REFCORD GALE FOULDS WERE QUITE HELPFUL IN ARRANGING ACCOMMODATIONS AND SERVING AS AN INTERFACE WITH GOS OFFICIALS. MOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE COOPERATED FULLY, ARE CONGENIAL, AND VERY THANKFUL FOR THE RESPONSIVENESS OF THE U.S. IN PROVIDING SUPPORT TO THE REFUGEE CARE AND SETTLEMENT PROGRAM.
4. ITINERARY FOR 4 JAN 85 PROVIDED BY A/REFCORD CALLED FOR BRIEFINGS BY DCM SHINN, UN AND GOS REFUGEE COMMISSION OFFICIALS AND USAID FOOD AND HEALTH OFFICERS. BRIEFINGS WERE INFORMATIVE AND PROVIDED AN EXCELLENT SUMMARY OF IN-COUNTRY REFUGEE RELIEF EFFORTS AND HIGHLIGHTED AND PRIORITIZED PROBLEMS AS THEY ARE VIEWED BY THE COORDINATING AGENCIES.
5. COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT FOR THE TEAM IS BEING FURNISHED BY DOS. HF RADIO PACKAGES ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE FROM NAIROBI AND CONUS ON 5 AND 6 JAN 85 AND WILL PROVIDE A DEDICATED RADIO LINK BETWEEN THE FIELD AND KHARTOUM. ASSESSMENT TEAM WILL DEPART KHARTOUM ENROUTE TO GEDAREF ON 5 JAN 85 AND REMAIN IN THAT VICINITY FOR APPROXIMATELY FOUR TO SIX DAYS ACCORDING TO CURRENT PLANS. THE TEAM WILL BE ESCORTED BY AN EMPLOYEE OF THE EMBASSY REFUGEE OFFICE. DAO HAS ADVISED THAT THE TEAM'S SECURITY WILL NOT BE THREATENED. HOWEVER, GOS HAS PROVIDED LETTER PASSES AND A SECURITY ESCORT ALONG THE ROUTE OF TRAVEL WITHIN THE EASTERN REGION.

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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
SUBJECT: VISIT TO FAMINE RELIEF CAMPS IN WELD AND NORTHERN
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1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT)

2. THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS WERE MADE BY DCM ON A TRIP JANUARY 1 AND 2 THROUGH BATI, MILE, HARBO AND SENBETE IN WELD AND NORTHERN SHOA. VISITING FAMINE RELIEF CAMPS.

3. BATI:

CAMP POPULATION NOW CONTAINS ABOUT 22,000 INHABITANTS. DCM WAS TOLD THAT DEATH RATE HAS FALLEN FROM A FIGURE OF APPROXIMATELY 130 PER DAY IN MID-NOVEMBER TO 32 PER DAY AS OF JANUARY 1. FOOD AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES ARE ADEQUATE. THE GENERAL HEALTH OF THE CAMP INHABITANTS HAS IMPROVED TO SUCH A DEGREE THAT RRC PLANS TO MOVE THOSE WHO FALL WITHIN CERTAIN CRITERIA (I.E. LESS THAN 40 YEARS OLD, IN GOOD HEALTH) TO RESETTLEMENT CAMPS IN SOUTHERN ETHIOPIA. THIS RESETTLEMENT PROJECT IS DUE TO COMMENCE LATE JANUARY. AS THESE PERSONS LEAVE, THEIR PLACES WILL BE TAKEN BY THE APPROXIMATELY 5-6000 PEOPLE WHO ARE CURRENTLY OUTSIDE OF THE CAMP WAITING FOR ADMITTANCE AND OTHERS WHO ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE. ETHIOPIAN RED CROSS AND RRC OFFICIALS EXPECT A CONTINUING BUT DECLINING INFLOW OF DROUGHT/FAMINE VICTIMS INTO BATI RESULTING IN A FAIRLY STABLE POPULATION OF APPROXIMATELY 20,000 PEOPLE TOWARD THE END OF JANUARY.

4. MILE: MILE CAMP (LOCATED 10 KM SOUTH OF THE CITY AND INTO THE DESERT) IS COMPOSED OF AFFARS. THE CAMP PRESENTLY IS PROVIDING A MONTHLY DRY RATION TO APPROXIMATELY 4,000 PEOPLE OF WHICH ONLY ABOUT THREE TO FOUR THOUSAND ARE ACTUALLY IN OR NEAR THE FEEDING CENTER. THE CAMP IS NOT YET WELL ORGANIZED BECAUSE THE NOMADIC AFFARS PREFER NOT TO BE CLOSE TO OR WITHIN THE CAMP; THIS CAUSES ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTIES. A SMALL, INTENSIVE FEEDING PROGRAM FOR MOTHERS AND CHILDREN IS OPERATING UNDER THE ETHIOPIAN RED CROSS BUT THE AFFARS ARE NOT TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE PROGRAM. THE GENERAL HEALTH OF THOSE OBSERVED IS POOR WITH REPORTS

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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
 TAGS: SREF, SU, EAID, UNHCR, ET, WFP, US
 SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN INFLUX INTO SUDAN: IMMEDIATE FOOD
 SHORTFALLS AND SHORT/LONG TERM FOOD PLANNING

REF: (A) KHARTOUM 16415 (NOTAL)
 (B) STATE 003317 (NOTAL)

1. CONFIDENTIAL AS INDICATED. PLEASE PASS UNCLASSIFIED
 SECTIONS TO RP/CDC ASSESSMENT TEAM VIA RADIO LINK.

2. (U) SUMMARY: THIS ACTION MESSAGE SEEKS UNHCR
 CONCURRENCE FOR IMMEDIATE BORROWING FROM LWR SHIPMENT IN
 PORT SUDAN. IT ALSO ASKS QUESTIONS WHICH IGETSU STAFF
 HAVE RAISED WHILE DEVELOPING A SPREADSHEET ANALYSIS OF
 FOOD SITUATION FOR REFUGEE GROUPS IN EASTERN SUDAN. A
 REPLY BY OPENING OF BUSINESS ON MONDAY 1/7 IS REQUIRED
 SO THAT INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR 11:00
 WASHINGTON TIME IGETSU MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT. WOULD
 APPRECIATE FULLER ANSWERS FROM THE EMBASSY AND THE
 ASSESSMENT TEAM LATER. END SUMMARY.

3. (C) DIVERSION FROM LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF ---

(C) AID/FFP, RP AND OTHER IGETSU MEMBERS ARE URGENTLY
 EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF DIVERTING A SUBSTANTIAL
 PORTION OF CARGO ON SS STONEWALL JACKSON, WHICH
 REPORTEDLY ARRIVED IN PORT SUDAN ON 12/30/84 WITH
 AID/FFP CARGO CONSIGNMENT TO LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF FOR
 SPECIAL CROSS BORDER EFFORT IN EASTERN SUDAN. THIS
 VESSEL CONTAINS CSM AND BULGAR WHEAT. (SEPTEL PRESENTS
 DETAILS OF THIS PROPOSED SHORT-TERM BORROWING FROM
 LWR.)

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